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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

William L. LAFUZE
McKool Smith
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Nationality: American

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

J.D., The University of Texas School of Law, Texas, 1973;
M.S., (Systems Engineering), Applied Science, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, 1971;
B.S., (Physics), The University of Texas, Physics, Texas, 1969;
(Phi Beta Kappa; President of Sigma Pi Sigma).

Admitted to Practice:

Texas, 1973; United States Patent and Trademark Office;
The Supreme Court of the United States;
The Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and other appellate and district federal courts;
The Supreme Court of Texas and the state courts of Texas.

LANGUAGES

English

PRESENT POSITION

Principal, McKool Smith, Texas.

January 28, 2020

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Intellectual Property, Internet/Electronic Commerce, Technology and Science, Unfair Competition, Computers and Software, Copyrights, Patents, Trade Secrets, Trademarks.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Past President: American Intellectual Property Law Association;
Houston Intellectual Property Law Association;
National Inventors Hall of Fame;
National Council of Patent Law Associations;
National Inventors Hall of Fame;

Past Chair: American Bar Association, Section of Intellectual Property Law;
Past Chair: Computer and Intellectual Property Law Sections, State Bar of Texas;
Past Director: Juvenile Diabetes Foundation (Gulf Coast Chapter);

Member: Patent Public Advisory Committee, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, 2002-04;
Life Fellow: American Bar Association, Texas Bar Foundation; Greater Houston Partnership;
Fellow: Houston Bar Foundation;
Founding Fellow: American Intellectual Property Law Association;
Advisory Director: Houston Technology Center;
Member: Bush Cheney Transition Team for Department of Commerce, Patent and Trademark Office matters, 2000-01;

Listed or Invited for Listing: The National Registry of Who's Who, Swarthmore's Who's Who, Who's Who's in American Law; Who's Who Worldwide; The Best Lawyers in America (in intellectual property law); International Who's Who of Business Lawyers; International Who's Who of Patent Lawyers; Euromoney's Patent Law Experts (worldwide); Inside Houston's Best Lawyers in Houston (in Intellectual Property Law);

Council: American Bar Association, Intellectual Property Law Section.

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Author: of approximately 130 articles on various intellectual property related
Presenter: Lecturer and author of numerous articles dealing with intellectual property law and commercial litigation.

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

Practice has been directed to a broad range of intellectual property law issues, with a particular focus on patent litigation in the smartphone, computer, electronics, oilfield equipment, telecommunications, and internet-related fields. Has represented clients in many district courts throughout the United States and in cases appealed to the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in Washington D.C. Has also served as arbitrator in many intellectual property cases, and has substantial experience in IP strategic counseling and licensing.

ARBITRATION EXPERIENCE

SUMMARY TABLE

Type	Administering Institution		Role			
	Name	Number of Arbitrations	Presiding Arbitrator	Sole Arbitrator	Co-arbitrator	Counsel
International Arbitrations	AAA					
	ICC	1				1
	LCIA					
	Ad Hoc					
Number of cases: sub-total						
Domestic Arbitrations	AAA	4		4		
	Ad Hoc					
Number of cases: sub-total		5		4		
TOTAL		5		4		1